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Andreas KÜMMET et al.)	Examiner:
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Application No. 10/538,656)	
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Filed June 10, 2005)	
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For: PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY FOR)	
A BLANKET CYLINDER AND METHOD)	
FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING)	
BLANKET ASSEMBLY)	

COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

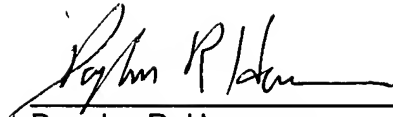
The attention of the Examiner is directed to recently issued U.S. patent No. 7,278,352, which issued on October 9, 2007. That patent has a common inventor with the subject application, and is assigned, in part to the assignee of the subject application.

The '352 patent is believed not to be prior art. Its PCT filing date of December 15, 2003 is after the PCT filing date of the subject U.S. patent application. Its 35 USC 371 filing date is also subsequent to the filing date of the subject U.S. patent application. It is being brought to the attention of the Examiner in accordance with conservative practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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